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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A9, A10, A14 and A15 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/SE02/02365. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the Examiner is attached.

Documents A9, A11, A12 and A15 were cited in the International-Type Search Report in Applicants' corresponding Swedish application. A copy of the International-Type Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the Examiner is attached.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available, however, commercially available English language abstracts are provided herewith. The abstracts of the foreign language documents have been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and therefore the documents should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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